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SUBJECT: RP-SOVIET RELATIONS: PHILIPPINE CHARGE ARRIVES IN
MOSCOW

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1. TIMES JOURNAL AUGUST 6 REPORTS ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW OF
MINISTER-COUNSELOR JUAN A. ONA TO OPEN THE PHILIPPINES'
FIRST EMBASSY IN THE SOVIET UNION. ONA IS A CAREER DIPLOMAT
WHO HAS MOST RECENTLY SERVED AS MINISTER-COUNSELOR IN
TEHRAN. ACCORDING TO PRESS ITEM, ONA WILL ACT AT CHARGE
D' AFFAIRES UNTIL ARRIVAL NEXT MONTH OF AMBASSADOR LUIS
MORENO-SALCEDO.

2. COMMENT: FOURTEEN MONTHS AFTER THE MARCOS VISIT TO THE
SOVIET UNION, THE GOP IS FINALLY MOVING TO ESTABLISH A
DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN MOSCOW AS ENVISAGED IN THE JOINT
COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THAT VISIT. THE
BASIC REASON FOR THE DELAY IN SENDING AN EMBASSY TO MOSCOW
HAS BEEN THE GOP'S WARINESS OVER THE SUBVERSIVE POTENTIAL
OF A SOVIET EMBASSY IN MANILA. WHILE A SOVIET EMBASSY
ADVANCE PARTY HAS BEEN HERE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, A SENIOR
DFA OFFICIAL HAS TOLD US THAT THE GOP FOUND /SUSPECT" AND
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REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE SOVIETS' INITIAL CHOICE FOR AN
AMBASSADOR TO THE PHILIPPINES. THIS SOURCE SPECULATED
THAT AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE MORENO-SALCEDO MIGHT NOT LEAVE
FOR MOSCOW UNTIL THE SOVIETS NAMED AN AMBASSADOR ACCEPTABLE
TO THE PHILIPPINES. OTHER SOURCES INDICATE THAT ARRANGEMENTS
HAVE NOW BEEN WORKED OUT FOR MRS. MARCOS TO MAKE HER POST-
PONED VISIT (REFTELS) TO THE SOVIET UNION IN SEPTEMBER

DURING WHICH THE REMAINING PROBLEMS RESPECTING THE EXCHANGE
OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS MIGHT BE RESOLVED.
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